STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD

DOCKET NO. 3446

TARIFF FILING APPLICATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 39-1-1 and 39-3-11 of the General Laws, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") will conduct public hearings on the following dates and locations:

Tuesday, September 17, 2002 @ 7:00 PM Providence City Hall, Council Chambers

25 Dorrance Street

Providence, Rhode Island

Thursday, November 14, 2002 @ 10:00 AM Public Utilities Commission

89 Jefferson Boulevard Warwick, Rhode Island

At these hearings, the Commission will accept public comments regarding the above rate filing. The hearings may continue thereafter from day to day and time to time as required.

In this docket, the Commission will examine the propriety of an application made by the Providence Water Supply Board ("PWSB") seeking to implement new rates designed to collect additional operating revenues in the amount of \$5, 448,798, an overall increase of approximately 13%. If approved, the impact of the proposed rate filing will be an increase of 13.38% on all rate classes. The Commission may approve different rates that may be higher or lower than that proposed by PWSB.

The application is on file for examination at the Commission's office and at the office of the Providence Water Supply Board, 552 Academy Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island.

Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws; specifically Sections 39-1-7, 39-1-8, 39-1-11, 39-1-12, 39-1-16, 39-1-18, 39-1-20, 42-35-8 and 42-35-10.

THESE BUILDINGS ARE ACCESSIBLE TO THE HANDICAPPED. INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING INTERPRETER SERVICES FOR THE HEARING AND SPEECH IMPAIRED MUST NOTIFY THE COMMISSION CLERK'S OFFICE AT 945-4500, SEVENTY-TWO HOURS IN ADVANCE OF HEARING DATE.

Luly E. Massaro Commission Clerk September 7, 2002